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CROP PRODUCTION – NOVEMBER 2013 MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Montana **dry edible pea** production at 7.22 million hundredweight is up 64 percent from last season, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acres are 380,000, up 30 percent from 2012. Yield is expected to be 1,900 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds from last year.

Austrian winter peas production in Montana for 2013 is estimated to be 50,000 hundredweight, down 28 percent from last year. Acres harvested in 2013 are 5,000, down 1,900 from last year. Yield, at 1,000 pounds per acre, was unchanged from 2012.

Lentil production for 2013 is estimated to be 2.07 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from last year. Acres harvested are 115,000 down 80,000 from 2012. Yield is estimated to be 1,800 pounds per acre, up 700 pounds from last season.

Montana **sugarbeet** production for 2013 is estimated to be 1.26 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. Harvested acres are 42,900, down 2,900 from 2012. Sugarbeet yield is estimated to be 29.4 tons per acre up 1.2 tons from last season.

Fall potato production is forecasted to be 3.86 million hundredweight, up 3 percent from 2012. Acres harvested were set at 11,700, unchanged from last year. Potato yields went up 10 hundredweight to 330 hundredweight per acre.

All wheat production in Montana, at 203.1 million bushels, is up 4 percent from the 2012 crop of 195.6 million bushels. All wheat yield was 38.9 bushels per acre, up 4.1 bushels from a year ago. Montana's 2013 **winter wheat** production was 81.7 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's production. Producers seeded 2.0 million acres of winter wheat, down 13 percent from a year ago. Producers harvested 1.90 million acres, down 270,000 acres from 2012. The 2013 winter wheat average yield, at 43.0 bushels per acre, is 4 bushels above last year. **Spring wheat** production in Montana was 104.7 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2012. The acreage seeded was 2.95 million acres, unchanged from last year's acreage. Producers harvested 2.83 million acres, down 70,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield was 37.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushel from the previous year. Montana **durum wheat** growers seeded 505,000 acres, down 45,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 490,000 acres, down 55,000 acres from 2012. The average yield was 34.0 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels the previous year. Total production for 2013 was estimated at 16.7 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year's 15.3 million bushels.

In 2013, Montana producers seeded 990,000 acres of **barley**, up 90,000 acres from 2012. Producers harvested 830,000 acres for grain, up 40,000 acres from last year. The average yield for 2013 is 54.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Production was estimated at 44.8 million bushels, up 7 percent from last year.

Oat production in Montana was 1.2 million bushels, up 47 percent from last year. Seeded acreage was 50,000 acres, up 5,000 from 2012. Acreage harvested for grain was 22,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from last year. Average yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, was up 9 bushels from 2012.

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Dry edible peas: Production of dry edible peas is forecast at 15.6 million cwt, up 43 percent from last year. Planted area, at 840,000 acres, and harvested area, at 782,000 acres, increased by 29 percent and 26 percent, respectively. Average yield is expected to be 1,995 pounds per acre, up 244 pounds from 2012.

Austrian winter peas: Planted area is estimated at 19,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Area harvested is expected to total 12,100 acres, down 12 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,372 pounds, is up 153 cwt from last season. Production, at 166,000 cwt, is down 1 percent from 2012.

Lentils: Production of lentils is forecast at 4.37 million cwt, down 18 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 331,000 acres, down 26 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,321 pounds per acre, up 143 pounds from 2012.

Sugarbeets: Production of sugarbeets for the 2013 crop year is forecast at 32.8 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.18 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 2 percent from 2012. Expected yield is forecast at 27.7 tons per acre, a decrease of 1.6 tons from last year.

Fall potatoes: Production of fall potatoes for 2013 is forecast at 402 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 936,100 acres, is 5 percent below the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 429 cwt per acre, is up 6 cwt from last year's yield.

All wheat production totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2013, down 6 percent from 2012. Grain area totaled 45.2 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 47.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2012 by type are winter wheat, 1.53 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 533 million bushels, down 2 percent, and Durum wheat, 61.9 million bushels, down 25 percent.

Oat production is estimated at 65.9 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2012. Yield is estimated at 64.0 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is slightly below last year.

Barley production is estimated at 215 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2012. Average yield per acre, at 71.7 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.48 million acres in 2013, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.00 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2012.

A full copy of the *November Crop Production Report* is available online at www.nass.usda.gov.